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later, evidently on account (he states) of the extremely weak number of the germs. The cultures are quite characteristic, and their inoculation on the guinea pigs had the effect of classic lesions. No dead rats have been seen anywhere in the town.

I am glad to state that no fresh plague case has been observed in Smyrna. I forward a copy of the telegrams which have been received from Smyrna concerning said case, as well as the copy of the decisions taken by the superior sanitary commission.

#### PLAGUE IN THE HEDJAZ.

The sanitary news from the Hedjaz states that in Djiddah from April 26, 31 plague deaths have been registered. In Yambo said deaths are 22 from March 28.

#### PLAGUE IN DJIVANRO.

In Djivanro, on the Turco-Persian boundary line, plague is spreading. It is announced that it has spread to the villages of Suraam Serai.

#### FALSE SANITARY NEWS.

According to the newspapers published in Bulgaria, 2 plague cases have been observed in Salonica. I am able to state that said news is not confirmed.

#### HEALTH OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

In Constantinople public health is improving. We have to deal always with influenza, which is getting milder, and diphtheria, which is always very light. The number of deaths registered from the 9th to the 20th instant is 388, of which 2 were from diphtheria, 3 from measles, and 13 from typhoid fever.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*Victoria—Melbourne.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 477,790. Total number of deaths, 571, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 17, and 83 from tuberculosis.

CANADA—*Quebec—Sherbrooke.*—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 10,470. Total number of deaths, 18. No contagious diseases.

DUTCH GUIANA—*Paramaribo.*—Month of April, 1900. Estimated population, 31,279. Total number of deaths, 72. No deaths from contagious diseases.

FRANCE—*St. Etienne.*—Two weeks ended May 15, 1900. Estimated population, 145,000. Total number of deaths, 113, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 4; measles, 4; scarlet fever, 3, and 1 from smallpox.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended May 26, 1900, correspond to an annual rate of 18.4 a thousand of the aggregate

population, which is estimated at 11,610,296. The highest rate was recorded in Liverpool, viz, 27.4, and the lowest in Croydon, viz, 12.3.

*London.*—One thousand four hundred and forty deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 56; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 29; whooping cough, 50; enteric fever, 8, and diarrhea and dysentery, 7. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.4 a thousand. In Greater London 1,920 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 15.0 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 8 from diphtheria, 19 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, and 20 from whooping cough.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended May 26, 1900, in the 22 principal town districts of Ireland was 23.3 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,062,188. The lowest rate was recorded in Newtownards, viz, 5.7, and the highest in Kilkenny, viz, 70.8 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 176 deaths were registered, including enteric fever, 2, and 3 from whooping cough.

*Scotland.*—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended May 26, 1900, correspond to an annual rate of 19.6 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,606,935. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 10.6, and the highest in Glasgow, viz, 21.4 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 606, including diphtheria, 5; measles, 10; scarlet fever, 3; smallpox 1, and 36 from whooping cough.

*ITALY—Florence.*—Month of January, 1900. Estimated population, 201,425. Total number of deaths, 544, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 1; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 2; smallpox, 1, and 51 from tuberculosis.

*Genoa.*—Month of February, 1900. Estimated population, 226,432. Total number of deaths, 562, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 1; measles, 12, and 45 from tuberculosis.

*JAPAN—Nagasaki.*—Ten days ended May 20, 1900. Estimated population, 131,000. Number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from enteric fever and 1 from plague reported.

*MEXICO—Tuxpan.*—Two weeks ended May 21, 1900. Estimated population, 10,000. Total number of deaths, 14. No deaths from contagious diseases.